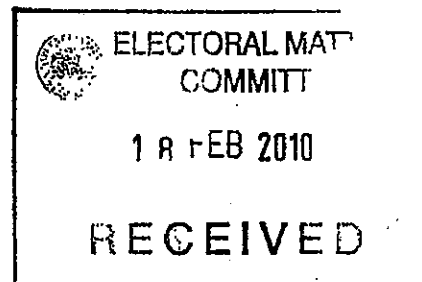


Mr Robert Borsak
Chairman
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Ms Helen Minnican
Committee Manager
Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
NSW Parliament
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

17 February 2010



Dear Ms Minnican:

Re: Inquiry into public funding of election campaigns

In my submission to the Inquiry into public funding of election campaigns on 1 February 2010, I took on notice a question put to me by Ms Dianne Beamer. The question was seeking my thoughts about what should be realistically imposed on The Shooters Party statewide campaign at the upcoming State election.

On closer examination of my submission to the inquiry, I don't believe my answers on the day require any further information.

The Shooters Party position is as follows:

1. The Shooters Party supports public funding of political parties and election campaigns, provided that the taxpayers of NSW are fully informed of the costs associated with a publicly funded election campaign, and are given an opportunity to provide comment before any legislative changes can be made.
2. The Shooters Party does not support a ban on unions, business or other people being able to donate to a party to run an election campaign. Likewise, The Shooters Party does not support limits on campaign expenditure by political parties or candidates in an election campaign, and would prefer that there are better auditing safeguards in place to protect and ensure the integrity and transparency of public funds and donations.
3. In respect to the Political Education Fund, it is The Shooters Party position that the current system, in which the party spent an estimated \$164,000 at the last State election, yet remains ineligible for funding under the Fund is completely inequitable. The Shooters Party recommends that the Political Education Fund be reworked, so as to recognise the performance of parties who stand candidates in the Legislative Council and have members elected to this House, and in the case of The Shooters Party, the funding should be made retrospective at least to the previous State election in 2007.

I hope this clarifies the position in so far as Ms Beamer's questioning is concerned.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Borsak", written over a horizontal line.

Robert Borsak
Chairman
The Shooters Party